COUNCIL BRIEFS

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Try PassportParking and get your first hour of parking free! If you were ever curious about using an app to pay for parking, the Town has a one hour free coupon for you to give it a try. From November 2 through November 30, new users who sign-up for the PassportParking app can use discount code 860860 for one hour of free parking in West Hartford Center.

PassportParking provides visitors with the ultimate convenience by performing the transaction from their mobile devices. The app sends an alert when the parking session is about to expire and additional time can be added literally from anywhere you are.

The first step is to setup an account. There are three ways to do this:

- Pay by App: Download the free PassportParking app from the App Store (iOS) or Play Store (Android)
- Pay by Web: Go online to https://ppprk.com/park
- Pay by Phone: Call 860-956-5990 if you don't have a SmartPhone.

Click here, for more information.

West Hartford wins Energy Wise

Community Award: West Hartford earned the Silver Level for being a community that thinks comprehensively about energy. West Hartford was recognized for actively pursuing opportunities to engage all stakeholders with programs for conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Specifically West Hartford stood out from the rest because it has an established Energy Task Force; has earned a Bright Idea Grant; has an established EPA Portfolio Manager Account complete with one full year of usage data; 10% of the households have participated in energy savings programs; 10% of the businesses have completed an energy saving project and 17% have completed of the renewable energy commitment.

Construction on Isham Road begins Oct. 26:

Due to construction scheduled to take place at the corner of Isham and Memorial Roads, motorists exiting the Memorial Garage will detour via the South gate and Town Hall parking lot. The detour will be in effect from Monday, October 26 through Saturday, October 31. There will be booth attendants at each of the Town Hall exits.

The traffic island near the entrance/exit of the Memorial Garage is being reduced and rewiring of the street lights being done to make way for a pick-up/drop-off area for the new West Elm store at Blue Back Square.

Police Department holds Career Open

House: Faced with a dramatic decrease in the number of applications for police officers with the department, the West Hartford Police Department will host a Career Open House on Saturday, Oct. 24, 12:00-4:00 PM at its 103 Raymond Road headquarters. Police said the goal is to attract applicants that have not previously considered a career in law enforcement.

Yard Waste and Recycling facility extends

hours: Extended Saturday hours for fall yard material drop-off begins Saturday, October 31. The facility will be open from 8 AM to 4 PM on Saturdays until the end of December, weather permitting. Regular hours of Monday and Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, will also remain in effect. Permits can be purchased on October 31 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM or are available online or in person at the Public Works window. Regular window hours are from 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM, Monday through Friday.

Leaf Bag Collection begins: The town's 10-week leaf bag collection begins the week of October 26 and will continue through Dec.31.

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